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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6499**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1657

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 30, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 26, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Open Burning.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Wolkins

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Gard

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill permits open burning of vegetation from agricultural land in an unincorporated area for maintenance purposes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Expanding the types of land upon which open burning may occur could have a fiscal impact at both the state and local level. However, the impact, if any, is indeterminable and would depend upon the nature and extent of open burning that occurs as a result of this proposal and whether such burning would impact state efforts to achieve air pollution standards in certain areas of the state.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** See *Explanation of State Expenditures* above.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Environmental Management.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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